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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1723.

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Examiner: K. S. Menon

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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR FILTERING A METAL LIQUID
ON A BED OF REFRACTORY PARTICULATE MATERIAL

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the
Office action mailed November 10, 2004.

Applicants' attorney is appreciative of the interview
granted by the Examiner on February 18, 2005, at which
interview Applicants' attorney presented arguments regarding
the distinctions between the claimed invention and the art of
record.

Subsequent to the interview, a careful review of the
final rejection indicated that reference had been made to a
translation of the cited prior art reference JP 07-016698 A,
which had not been provided to Applicants' attorney, and which
was not apparently of official record in the application.